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NEXT MEETING: 7:30 PM THURSDAY FEB 14, DWP CAFETERIA, 111 N. HOPE ST.

FEBRUARY MEETING

PRIBILOF DXPEDITION

The 1983 DXpedition to the Pribilof Islands was the culmination of over a year's worth of effort by the Alaska DX Association. Over 10,000 QSO's were made by ADXA operators AL7CG, KL7PJ, KL7RA, KL7Y, NL7G, NL7P, and WL7E. Dan, N6CGB, will be presenting slides and tapes from this DX pedition at the February meeting.

As an added attraction, Paul Gordon, N6LL, will show slides of the 1984 CQ World Wide DX Phone Contest effort from XE2SI.

ARRL DX CONTESTS COMING!!!

The ARRL International DX CW Contest is on February 16 and 17, with the Phone Contest on March 2 and 3. All members are urged to participate for our Club score even if they can only operate for a brief period.

The response for the CQ World Wide DX Contest was most gratifying, with 24 members participating in the Phone Contest for a Club score of 4,619,030 and 12 members participating in the CW Contest for a score of 2,481,804, a grand total of 7,100,834. With this type of activity we may yet give the NCDXC some competition and perhaps regain the trophy.

Samples of the log sheet and summary sheet for the ARRL DX Contest are enclosed with the Bulletin. Please announce DX information on the Club repeater to assist the multi-op stations.

If you need help duping or scoring logs please contact N6IC. Please send me a copy of your summary sheet or phone in the results. Entries must be mailed direct to ARRL by April 2, 1985.

Also, those who have stations available and need operators, and operators needing stations please contact me.

John Alexander, K6SVL
Contest Chairman

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!

By Jay Holladay, W6EJJ

On January 3, Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, introduced two resolutions which would request FCC to declare limited Federal preemption over antennas. One resolution deals with home satellite dishes, and the other (Senate Resolution 36), if adopted, will declare the sense of the U.S. Senate that the FCC should affirm that state and local regulations must not unreasonably restrict communications from Amateur Radio stations. Passage of this resolution would send a clear message to FCC that favorable action on PRB-1 (the League's request for Federal premption of restrictive local antenna ordinances) would be looked upon with favor by the U.S. Senate.

In order to achieve passage of Senate Resolution 36, your help is needed. Please take the time to contact both of our California Senators, Pete Wilson and Alan Cranston, and urge a "yes" vote on Senate Resolution 36. A short letter in your own words, or even a QSL card with a note requesting passage will help. The most effective letters will be those giving details of an amateur's struggle with local authorities before an antenna could be put up and those where an amateur was prevented from putting up any effective antenna. You should make it clear in your letter that amateurs recognize the right of local authorities to regulate the safety of structures and that they recognize special situations, such as historic districts, where amateur radio antennas may be restricted.

Even if you have time for only a brief note, please do it now! Passage of this bill, and positive FCC action on PRB-1, could determine the outcome of three vital antenna cases now pending in different districts of the U. S. Court of Appeals. Your help is needed!

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As club president for 1985 I would like to start the year by thanking those who helped make last year successful. The outgoing officers and directors, the committee chairpersons, the Visalia convention team and the vendors who supported our prize program all deserve our appreciation. I also want to thank the membership for the confidence shown me at the election meeting. I look forward to your continued support and will work to earn it.

One of the great things about the SCDXC is the diversity of interests and talents among the members. Many activities fall under the umbrella of DXing, and it is my intention for the club to touch on all of them, not favoring one to the exclusion of the rest. Tolerance for and curiousity about what interests our fellow members can help us grow. All this leads to two sets of responsibilities: for the officers, to guide our programs and projects in a variety of directions; and for you, the members, to get involved and help us.

Although I have received only about a dozen responses to the program questionnaire in the January Bulletin, those responses had some good suggestions. How about the rest of you? You will find another questionnaire in this month's Bulletin concerning a variety of matters. Please take a few minutes to complete it and return it to me or to any Board member in person, at the meeting, or by mail.

The bottom of the sunspot cycle is never kind to the Club in terms of membership and meeting attendance. This is all the more reason for us to keep in touch with each other and with DXing. Make an effort to come to the meetings, bring your friends who have let attendance slip and think of things we can do as a club and how you can help.

Finally, I'd like to repeat something I said at the last meeting. The most important thing we, as members of this prestigious club, can do is to set a good example for other amateurs and for our community. On the air, show restraint rather than be a policeman; respect the instructions of the DX stations rather than trying to drown out the station he came back to; be polite and instructive to newcomers to our repeater rather than rudely chase them away. Off the air, cooperate with your neighbors in minimizing TVI/RFI rather than leaning back on the law and saying it's not your problem; answer the less experienced operator's question rather than look down on his lack of knowledge; be receptive to constructive criticism rather than ignore the other person's point of view. There have been some splendid examples of the positives above by many of our members ... let's keep it up amd be the group all the others look up to.

NEW DXCC COUNTRY

The ARRL Awards Committee has voted 6 to 1 to ACCEPT the recommendation of the DX Advisory Committee to recognize the UK Sovereign Base Areas of Cyprus as a DXCC country separate from the Republic of Cyprus. When the Republic (formerly a British possession) was established by treaty effective August 16, 1960, the United Kingdom retained sovereignty over both the Akrotiri and Dhekelia military bases. The DXCC Countries List failed to recognize this distinction that has existed since that time. The Sovereign Base Areas are part of Great Britain and easily meet separate country status by virtue of separation of foreign land (from Great Britain).

Any credit submissions as a result of this action will not be accepted until June 1, 1985, and will be handled in the following manner: Credits for ZC4 contacts made before August 16, 1960, will continue to be credited to the Cyprus listing. All 5B4 credits count for the Cyprus listing. All ZC4 contacts made after the 1960 date were not necessarily with stations operating within the Sovereign Base Areas. Cards that indicate operation from within the Bases will be so credited. The DXCC Desk will make a good faith effort to ascertain the location of ZC4 stations where the location is not clearly indicated. If in doubt, applicants may submit more than one ZC4 card for potential Sovereign Base Areas credit. DXCC members who presently have Cyprus credit for a ZC4 contact made from the Sovereign Base Areas after the 1960 date may resubmit the card for credit to the Sovereign Base Areas listing as well as submitting an acceptable card for credit to the Cyprus listing (5B4). The DXCC Desk will endeavor to assist any DXCC members in applying these administrative guidelines.

FLASH!!!....January 16, Nong, HS1JN, told John, W6YY, that the Thailand Minister of Communications has just lifted the ban on amateur operation.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 1985 MEETING
By Dan Davitt, N6CGB, SCDXC Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 PM by Joe Locascio, K5KT, SCDXC President. Self introduction of the 75 members and guests started the activities.

John Knight, W6YY, gave a very interesting talk about the amateur radio situation in Thailand. It appears that in the laws of the country, there is no such thing as amateur radio! There has been no ham radio activity as we know it in the last two years except what is called "The Human Repeater." Out of the 400 hams in Thailand, there are a select few of about 75 allowed to operate only on 2-meters and then only on a specific frequency! They cannot talk to each other, fixed or mobile, but only to the Postal Telegraph Station to a civil servant who then takes whatever action is appropriate for the situation. He might call one of the other hams on the authorized 2-meter frequency or call them by telephone to pass traffic. John attended a dinner meeting where the Minister of Communications gave a speech concerning ham radio amd told of the King's interest. The King has his own 2-meter radio with switches for special frequencies and his own specially built repeater network for keeping in touch with government officials. The interest is there and growing and it is hoped that in one or two years we will hear the HS prefix again on the HF bands. John's call over there is HS1AOF.

Joe, K5KT, gave his thanks and appreciation for all the support given him through the months in his position as President of the SCDXC. Joe then proceeded to read the list of those persons recommended by the Board of Directors of the Club to hold the various offices during the year of 1985. Mention was made that on the ballot, there is a portion to allow for write-in candidates and if nominations from the floor occured, a secret ballot approach would be utilized. The election of officers then began with the reading of recommendations for each office in turn and in every case when there were no nominations from the floor, it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and that office was filled by unanimous vote with no abstentions. Officers elected were: President, Marty Woll, N6VI; Vice-President, Dan Davitt, N6CGB; Secretary, Chris Williams, KG6AR; Treasurer, Esther Wolf, KB6HW. Directors elected were: Len Gerardi, NC6H, and Tex Myers, N6AHV. Joe, K5KT, automatically becomes the third Director at the end of his term as President. Marty, N6VI, then performed his first act as President by presenting Joe, K5KT, with his Black Badge signifying that he is a Past President.

Nick Winters, WB6DXU, is planning a trip to Hungary and hopes to operate while over there.

Jim Stevenson, KM6B, gave an update concerning antenna towers and the reviews being given by the different cities in unincorporated area of Los Angeles County.

Tex Myers, N6AHV, gave his always welcomed "Rumors Around The Bands."

Raffle tickets were drawn and lucky prize winners were: W6SII, K6NO, KB6V, WA6PDZ, NK6A, WA6CTX, KZ6E, W6YLS, N6NNV, W6VZZ, W6JII, KB6K, W6NNV, W6CN, WB6ZHT, WD6P, KA6SKW, and KG6IP.

CLIPPERTON AWARD

The Clipperton Award is donated by Don Bostrom, N6IC, and given in recognition of outstanding achievements as a "Rookie DXer."

1. Confirmed DX contacts shall count for 12 months from working the first DX country in the beginning membership year.
2. The award shall be an engraved perpetual plaque. The perpetual trophy shall be replaced by a permanent plaque when it is awarded to the new winner.
3. Selection of the winner will be by the Board of Directors at the meeting prior to the joint meeting.
4. The "Rookie DXer" having the most confirmed countries for the one year period shall be declared the winner.

1985 INTERNATIONAL DX CONVENTION

The Convention this year will be at the Centre Plaza Holiday Inn in Fresno on April 19, 20, and 21. The direct telephone number is 209-268-1000. It is best to call during normal weekday business hours.

All SCDXC members should soon receive a mailing with registration information. The prices for the Convention are: full Convention pre-registration $40; full Convention on-site registration $45; meals only with purchase of full Convention $30; Convention only, pre-reg or on-site $15.

Convention registrations are sent to the following address:

Northern California DX Club
Attn: Convention Registration
P.O. Box 608
Menlo Park, CA 94026

OPERATING ON DX NETS
By Tex Myers, N6AAV

There have been many arguments pro and con about the use of organized nets to work DX contacts. It is not the purpose of this article to take sides on the debate. Rather, it is directed at those who, by choice or necessity, find themselves working a DX net. (The necessity arises when a DX station chooses to do his operating in the shelter of such a net, either because of inability to handle the sometimes-horrendous pileups alone or for convenience.)

The DX net can be a fairly time-efficient way to work a station when the alternative is to have your low power station or ground-plane vertical stomped on by the big guns in a freestyle until the band is closed and the station gone. Where do you find some of these nets and what is the protocol? Here are a few ideas.

The W7PHO "family hour" meets around 14.227 daily at 1500Z and at 2230Z. A 15 meter session is held anywhere from 1800 to 2100Z on 21.345. DX stations check in on frequency and no advance list is taken. Net control asks for the last letter of the callsigns of those wanting to work the DX station, acknowledges five or ten callers and gives each of them a shot at the DX. After those calls are made, net control solicits the crowd again, and the process is repeated. If more than one DX station is on frequency, net control may switch back and forth between two sets of callers. When in doubt, listen a while before transmitting.

The 14.220 net meets -- where else -- 14.220 daily at 0500Z. Started by Jim Smith P29JS/VK9NS, this net is sucessfully used by many VK's and ZL's. The usual procedure is for net control to take check-ins from the U.S. (2 to 6 from each call area) and Europe (not always in the same order ... listen to pick up on the process for that night). When net control calls you, you may make a call to the DX station of your choice. Time and crowd permitting, you may ask for and get the okay to call more than one station on that turn. The net is well controlled by various stations on different nights (and sometimes by Jim Smith himself).

The INDXA net meets on 14.236 daily at 2330Z. There are usually two net controls, one each on the east and west coasts. Off frequency, lists are taken of those wishing to work a specific station. Give the last two letters of your call to get on the list. If you make it, you are given the opportunity to work the DX station back on the net frequency. The call-up for those trying to work a not-so-rare DX station may be right on the net frequency rather than off channel. Listen and see.

Snookie's Watering Hole, led by KA1DE, meets daily on 21.335 from 2100 to 2200Z. Procedures are similar to those of the INDXA net.

The Brown Sugar Net meets daily at 0200Z on 14.309. Procedures change with the tide so, once again, listen. This is a fun, loose net.

There are many others too numerous to list here, but these are some of the more popular ones. As you may have gathered by now, the key to fitting into the style of a net is to LISTEN! By doing so you get to know what works, just as you do in a freestyle operation. Have fun and good hunting.

SCDXC MEMBER DIRECTORIES

Most of the Member Directories were distributed at the December and February meetings. If you have not yet received one, contact Bill, WB6ZHT, the new Membership Chairman, at the next meeting.

If you want a Member Directory mailed to you send a request to:

Bill Kendrick WB6ZHT
1677 W. 256th St.
Harbor City, CA 90710

WANTED:

Amateur radio license plates. Contact Dr. Roy Klotz, P.O. Box 111, Dresher, PA 19025.

ARRL BOARD RECONSIDERS 4U1VIC

The ARRL Board of Directors met in Hartford, CT on January 24 and 25. The DX Advisory Committee was directed to reconsider the possible DXCC country status of 4U1VIC taking into account a recent U.S. State Department Communication that the U.S. is about to enter into a third party agreement with the Vienna International Center.

WANTED:

Aluminum tubing 1 1/4 in. OD, .058 in. wall, 3 feet long. This is the size Hy Gain uses for their 204BA and 205BA beams. Contact John, K6SVL, 213-377-3807.

DXER OF THE YEAR AWARD

In order to promote more and better DX activity among Southern California DX amateurs, to provide incentive for better operating and increased participation in Club activities, and to provide recognition for outstanding achievement in DX, the DXER OF THE YEAR award is given each year. The award is an engraved plaque suitable for wall mounting. It is awarded at the Joint SCDXC/NCDXC Convention held annually. Nominations may be made by any DXCC or WAZ holder in Southern California by notifying any Board of Director member at least two months prior to the Convention. Selection of the winner of the award shall be made at a meeting of the Board of Directors prior to the Convention. The DXer will be selected by majority vote at this meeting. The committee shall consider carefully each nomination submitted and shall give full attention to at least the following factors in making their decision:

1. Operating ethics and courtesy.
2. Station activity.
3. Signal quality.
4. Observance of FCC regulations.
5. Contributions to Southern California DX; participation in Club activities, contests and functions; attendance at Club meetings; Bulletin contributions; technical contributions, and similar factors of concern to DX.
6. Contributions to amateur radio; helping new amateurs, novices, or foreign amateurs in any way through expedition traffic, loan or gift of parts or equipment, handling or supplying QSL cards, or assistance with technical problems.
7. Attitude toward fellow amateurs.
8. Attitude toward the public including neighbors.
9. Perserverance: effort in listening for new countries, in obtaining missing QSL cards, in striving for DX goals of various sorts such as certificates or awards, all band and mode operation and ferreting DX information.
10. Operating ability: copying through noise or QRM, code speed, ability to cope with confusion and general DX operation.
11. Success expressed as a qualitative ratio of DX worked to capabilities of station -- how well an amateur performs with what he has.
12. Other factors as considered applicable by the Award Committee.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB
1984 CQ WORLD WIDE CW CONTEST

CALL	CLASS	QSO'S	POINTS	ZONES	COUNTRIES	SCORE
W6ABW	Single AB	316	854	76	106	155,248
W6AM	Single AB	52	134	26	37	8,442
W6DN	Single AB	572	1,605	93	148	386,805
K6EID	Single AB	256	689	68	87	106,795
N6HK	Single AB	96	272	33	41	20,128
N6IC	Multi-Single	373	1,010	83	131	216,540
K5KT/6	Single AB	104	291	16	22	11,058
W6MFC	Single AB	172	470	52	73	58,750
W6TMD	Single AB	1,265	3,581	107	187	1,052,814
NG6W	Single AB	27	72	10	9	1,368
WB6ZHT	Multi-Single	620	1,692	94	135	387,468
K6ZT	Single AB	187	452	62	107	76,388
12		4,040	11,122			2,481,804

FEBRUARY PROPAGATION FORECAST

Courtesy of CQ Magazine.
AHLBD-Above,High,Low,Below,Disturb

1-L	8-B	15-A	22-B
2-L	9-L	16-H	23-L
3-L	10-L	17-H	24-L
4-H	11-B	18-H	25-A
5-L	12-L	19-H	26-H
6-B	13-L	20-L	27-L
7-D	14-H	21-B	28-L

KERGUELEN ISLAND

FT8XB is involved in a daily list operation near 14.183 from 2000 UTC. QSL to P.O. Box 83, Argenteuil 95103, Kerguelen Island via France. Stated he will be stay there one year. ... QSL FT8XA via F6FYD. (LIDXB)

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